

TERRIBLE TRAGEDY.

Archie D. Brown Killed by Fulton Gordon.

AND THE WIFE OF GORDON MEETS THE SAME FATE.

An Assassination House in Louisville the Scene of the Crime.

There was a bloody shooting affair in Louisville on the morning of the 30th ult., at 1,205 Madison street. Arch Brown, son of the governor of Kentucky, was shot and killed by Fulton Gordon. The wife of Gordon shared the same fate. It seems that Brown and Gordon's wife were in the house at 1,205 Madison street, and Gordon followed them there and caught them together. Gordon at once attacked Brown and shot him fatally. Gordon then turned his weapon on his wife and sent a bullet through her breast, killing her almost instantly.

The Leader correspondent was on the scene a moment after the shooting occurred, and when he arrived the woman was lying dead on the cellar door in the back yard of the place, and Brown was in one of the upstairs rooms.

A great crowd gathered around the building and the excitement was intense, as all sorts of rumors were afloat as to the killing. One woman said that she had seen the meeting, and that it was the son of the governor of Kentucky that had been killed.

Mrs. Gordon was Miss Nellie Bush, of Louisville. About ten years ago she was married to Gordon, who was at that time a clerk at the Galt house. The wedding was an elopement. Shortly afterward Gordon and his wife moved to Frankfort, where he became proprietor of the Capitol hotel. This he continued to run until the World's Fair began, when he sold out his establishment and moved to Chicago.

Gordon was watching his wife and Brown and saw them enter the house. He waited a few moments and then rushed in, to find that they had retired together. Forcing his way into the chamber, he began firing on the guilty couple. Brown returned the fire, and nine shots were exchanged, of which Brown fired four. Gordon, as soon as Brown fell, shot his wife. Lucy Smith, colored, was the only woman in the house at the time of the shooting, except Wallace Montgomery, a little boy. When seen shortly after the shooting she seemed greatly excited, but managed to tell all she knew about the crime. She said: "It was exactly 11 o'clock when Mr. Brown and the woman came to the house. No one was in but Wallace (meaning the little boy) and myself. I told him to go to the door as I was ironing some clothes. When he returned he told me that it was Mr. Brown and a lady, and that he had shown them up stairs. Nothing more was thought of them till the shooting."

"About half an hour later there was another ringing of the door bell, and the little boy again went to the door. He soon called me and said that there was a gentleman at the door who said he wanted to rent a room. He said he was alone."

"I then went to the door and was met by Gordon. He had been at the house before. He said he was tired and wanted to lie down and go to sleep. I told him to lie down in the front room, as the man

and woman were in the only available room, on the second floor. He immediately began undressing, and I left the room."

"I returned to my work in the kitchen and began talking to the little colored boy, when I was startled by nine pistol shots in rapid succession. I ran out the back alley and found an officer. With him I returned to the house to find the yard and house crowded with people."

"We were told that a woman and two men had been shot in the front room up stairs. As we neared the front part of the house I observed the body of a woman, seemingly dead on the back porch. In the hall a man half dressed, was gasping for breath. This was Gordon."

"I learned later that he had attempted to escape immediately after the shooting, but was captured by officer O'Reilly and returned to the house, where he soon relapsed into a state of unconsciousness. He was resuscitated shortly after, however, and I heard the first physician who arrived say that he was not hurt."

"Mr. Brown and Gordon have both visited this house frequently, and we know them well."

"No, I never saw the woman before, but I am positive she has been here before. The little boy always let people in when Miss Smith was out."

From what the woman said it would seem that Gordon had some intimation of what was going on, and came to the house with the intention of killing the man and his wife. There can be no reason assigned for his taking his clothes off before going up stairs.

The guilty couple were taken completely by surprise. Brown was prepared for such a visit as his pistol was lying near, but before he could reach it the enraged husband commenced firing. His aim was true, every shot taking effect, Brown's body being riddled. Brown fired a few shots and then staggered to a chair in the corner, then fell over on the bed. Gordon then turned to his wife and fired on her, striking her in the breast. Though mortally wounded, she was able to get down the steps and run twenty feet to the cellar door.

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the best families in Louisville. She was 30 years old and leaves three children. On account of the high family connection the murder caused a great sensation. Brown was recently divorced from his wife. When the divorce was published no woman's name was connected with the case, but it is understood the reason for the divorce lay in Brown's intimacy with Mrs. Gordon.

The news of the killing of young Brown created great excitement in Frankfort. He was his father's private secretary and well known to the society of Frankfort and the state. Gordon, who did the shooting, was formerly proprietor of the Capitol hotel, and is well connected.—Lexington Leader.

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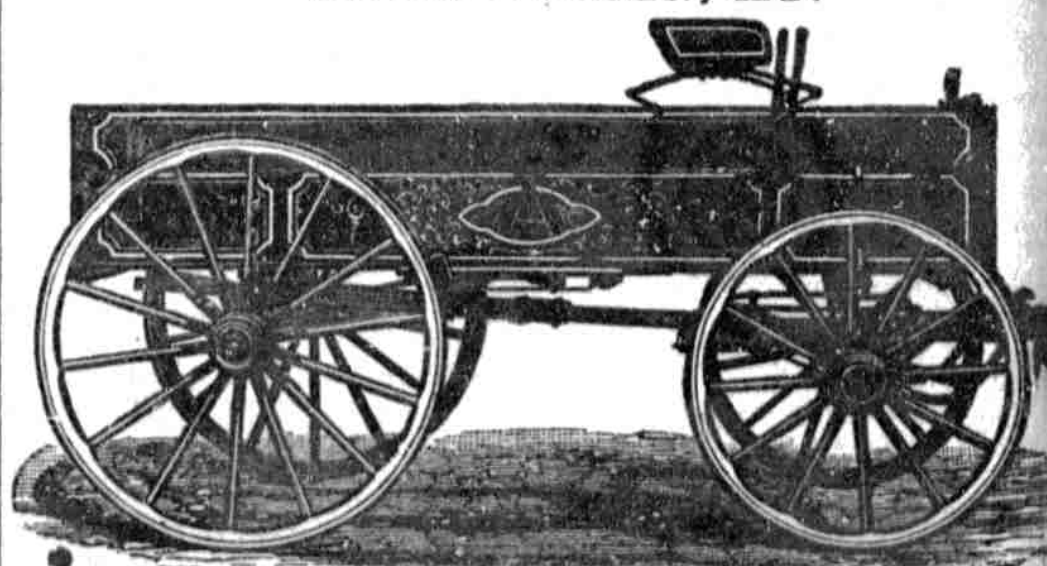
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